GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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FREEDOM FIGHTERS PENSIONS
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether freedom fighters pension are being made available to the persons who participated in the anti-colonial struggle against the French and the Portuguese; and

(b) if so, whether such pensions could be made available to residents of India who assisted the freedom fighters in non-British colonial enclaves?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS

(SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a)&(b): Apart from the mainstream of the liberation struggle which was directed against the British, the struggle against the French and the Portuguese for the liberation of Pondicherry and Goa and Dadra & Nagar Haveli is recognised for grant of pension under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme.The persons who participated in such liberation movements and fulfill the criteria laid down in the said Scheme are eligible for pension from the Central revenues.